

A NAME CHANGE IN THE GENUS *CALYBITES*
HÜBNER (LEP.: GRACILLARIIDAE)

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Gracilaria hauderi Rebel, 1906 was named from moths taken at Kirschdorf in Upper Austria. According to Hering (1957), it has never been recorded from any other country. Two years later *Gracilaria pyrenaella* Chrétien, 1908 was named from moths reared from larvae collected at Nay in the western Pyrenees; the only other known locality is the Isle of Wight (Ford, 1933), where the colony persists (Langmaid, 1982). Hering (*loc. cit.*), writing of the early stages, separates the two solely on a difference in foodplant, sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) for *Calybites hauderi* and field maple (*A. campestre*) for *C. pyrenaella*. Such a basis for specific distinction is of doubtful validity; for example, *Caloptilia rufipennella* (Hübner) has been found only on sycamore in Britain but feeds on various species of *Acer* on the Continent (Hering, *loc. cit.*).

Leraut (1983) states that he has examined the genitalia of the type specimens of *C. hauderi* and *C. pyrenaella* and finds them to be conspecific; *hauderi*, as the senior name, must be taken into use. The first syllable is pronounced like the "ow" in howl.

It is probable that the distribution of *C. hauderi* is imperfectly known, since it is unreasonable to suppose that it occurs in only three localities, all separated by over 500 miles. It may be a species which thrives in small colonies where it tends to be overlooked because of the similarity of the larval feeding to that of related species of the Gracillariidae.

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